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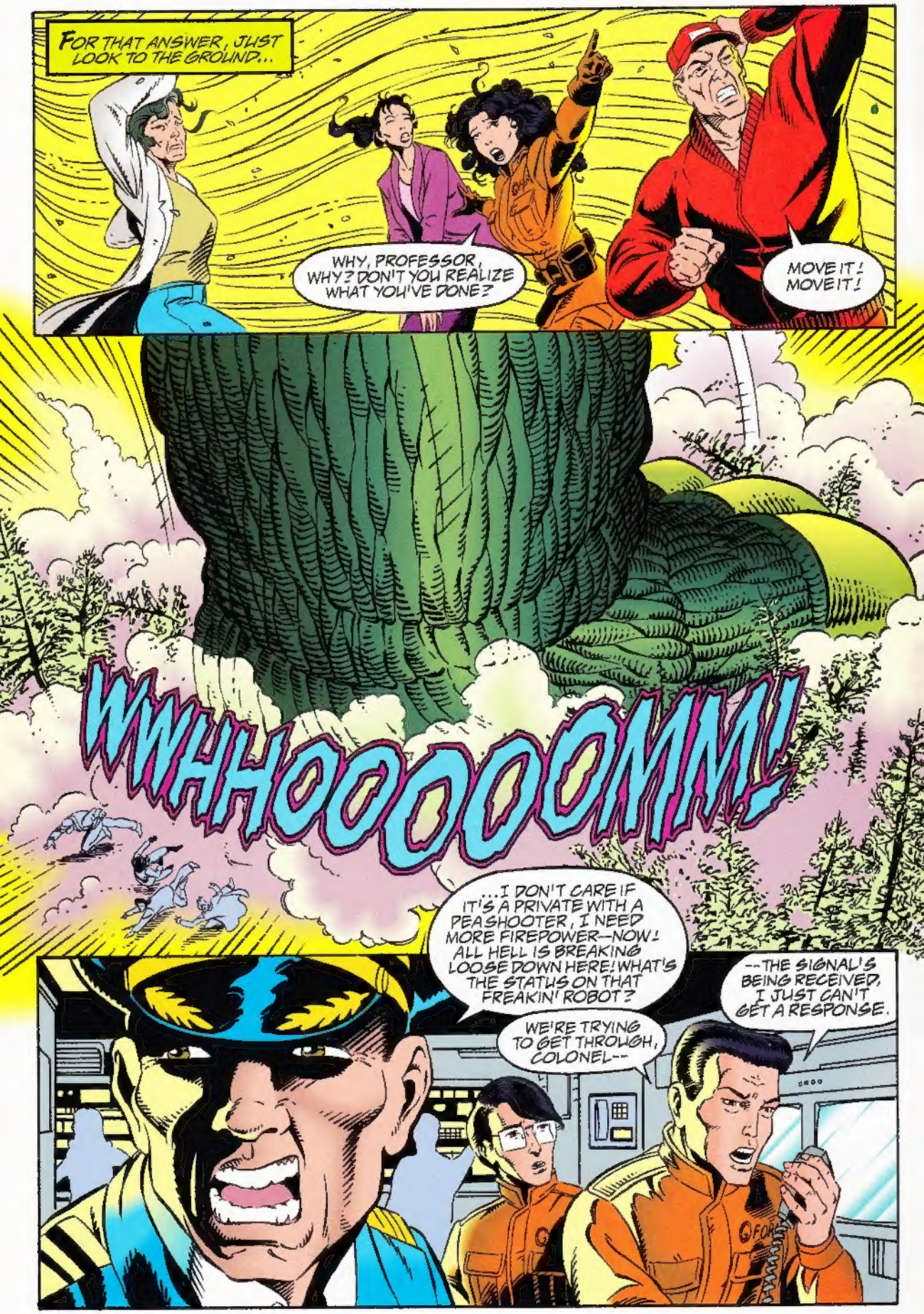
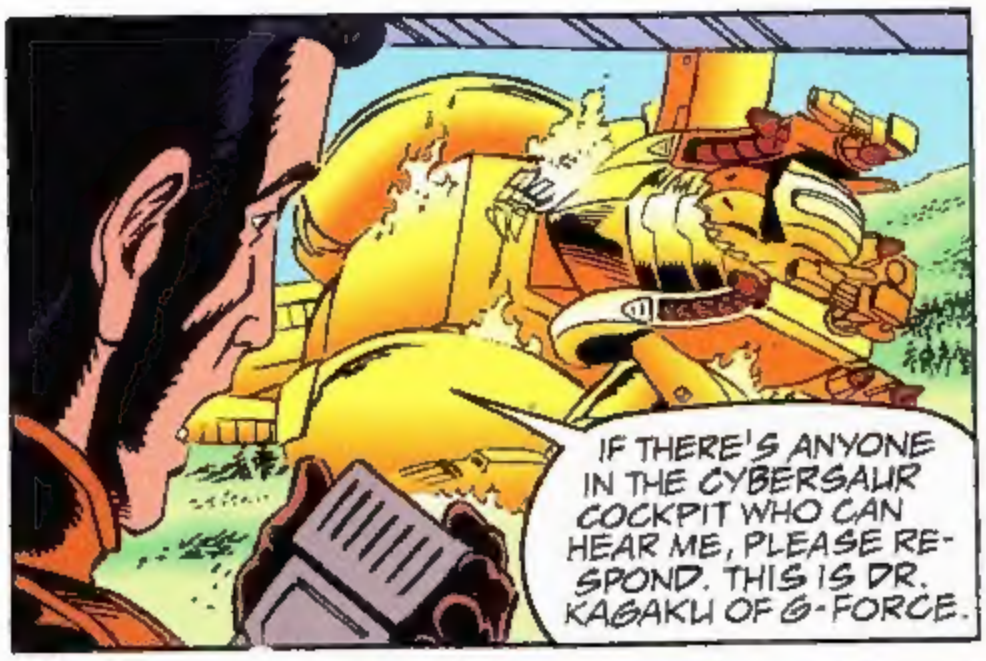
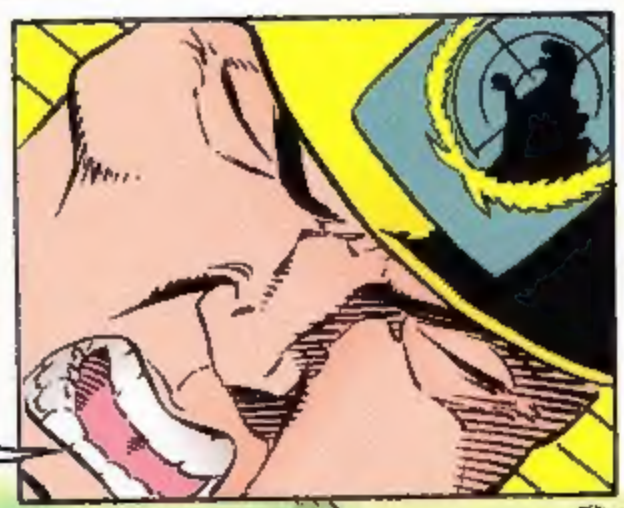
DON'T EAT GODZILLA.
SEEMS LIKE A FAIRLY SIMPLE AND STRAIGHT-FORWARD RULE. MOST OF THE WORLD'S POPULATION WOULD AGREE ON THAT. NO ARGUMENT.
PERHAPS, SINCE HE IS AN EXTRATERRESTRIAL CREATURE, BAGORAH WASN'T PRIVY TO THAT INFORMATION. FOR THAT, WE CAN CUT HIM SOME SLACK.
THE KING, HOWEVER, IS NOT SO FORGIVING.
BUT WASN'T GODZILLA NEAR DEATH JUST SCANT MINUTES BEFORE? WHO IS RESPONSIBLE FOR HIS MIRACULOUS RECOVERY?


FOR THAT ANSWER, JUST LOOK TO THE GROUND...
WHY, PROFESSOR, WHY? DON'T YOU REALIZE WHAT YOU'VE DONE?
MOVE IT! MOVE IT!
WWHOOOOMM!
...I DON'T CARE IF IT'S A PRIVATE WITH A PEASHOOTER, I NEED MORE FIREPOWER--NOW! ALL HELL IS BREAKING LOOSE DOWN HERE! WHAT'S THE STATUS ON THAT FREAKIN' ROBOT?
WE'RE TRYING TO GET THROUGH, COLONEL--
--THE SIGNAL'S BEING RECEIVED, I JUST CAN'T GET A RESPONSE.





WHOOOM!

WHOOM!

WHOOM!

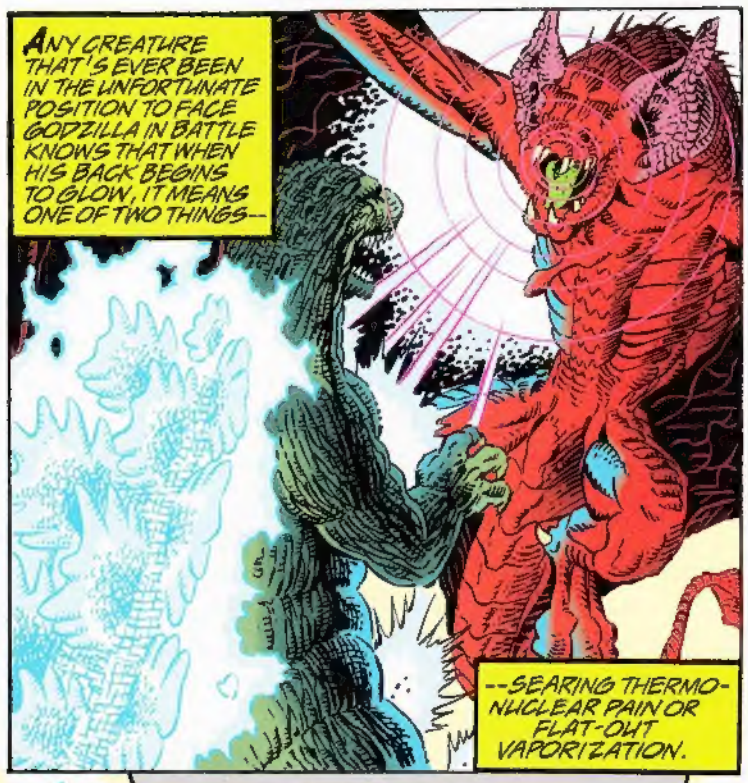
WHOOOM!

KKKREEEEEEE

YERRRUGH!

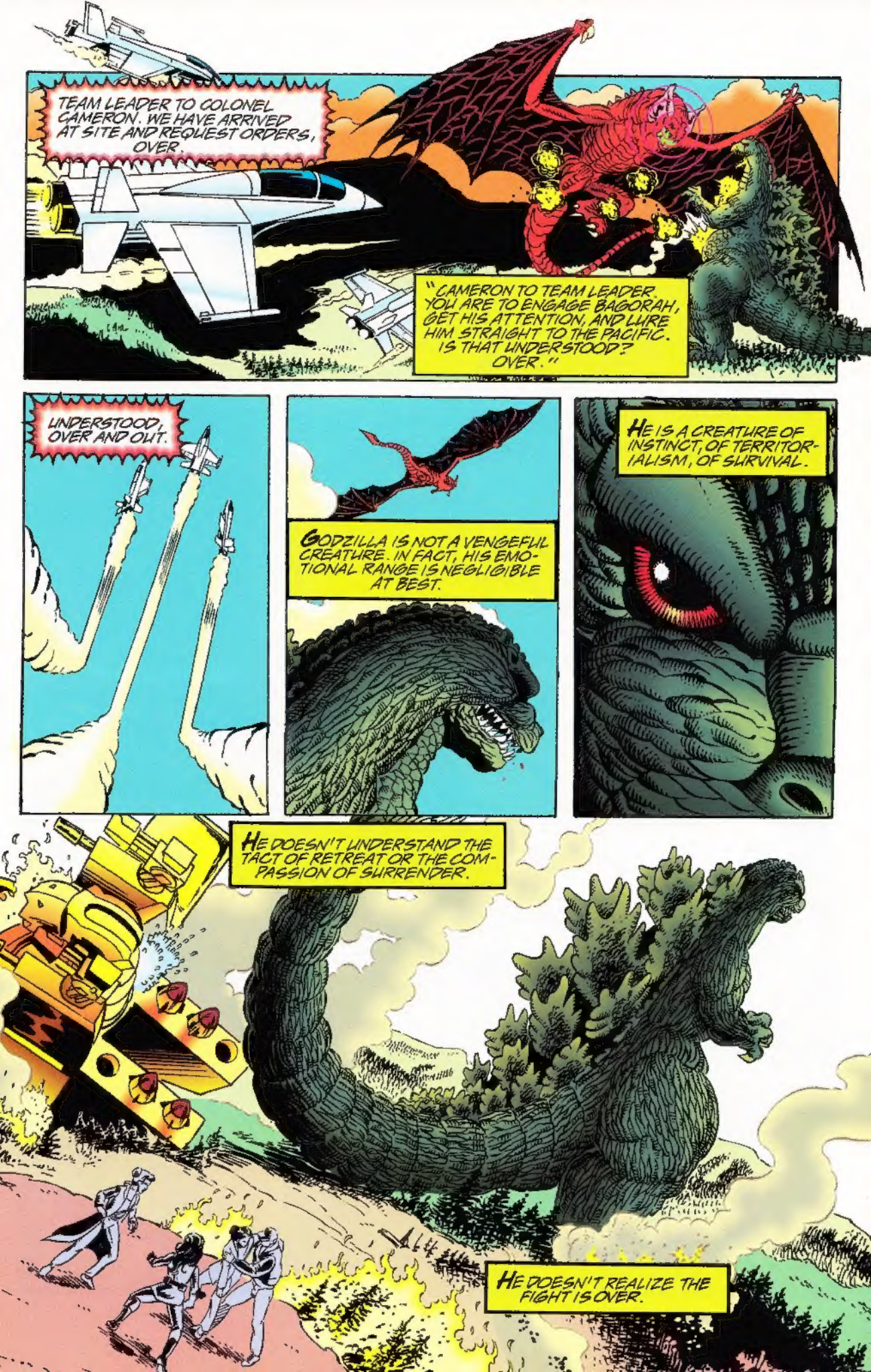
KER WHOOM!

KATE, DO YOU NEED A HAND?
NO, I NEED A LEG, REIKO! I CAN MAKE IT, JUST KEEP GOING!

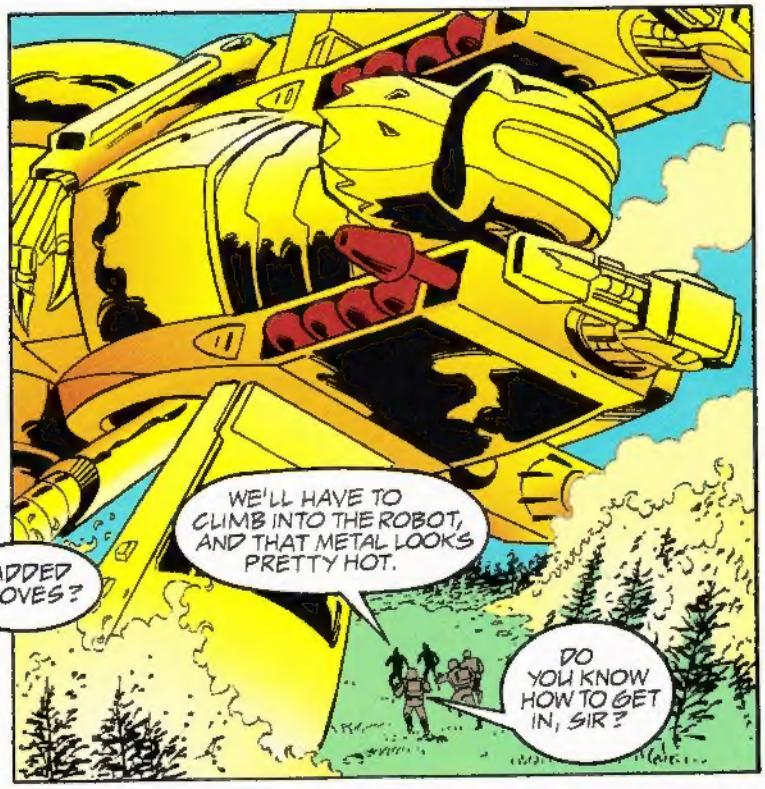

ANY CREATURE THAT'S EVER BEEN IN THE UNFORTUNATE POSITION TO FACE GODZILLA IN BATTLE KNOWS THAT WHEN HIS BACK BEGINS TO GLOW, IT MEANS ONE OF TWO THINGS--
--SEARING THERMO-NUCLEAR PAIN OR FLAT-OUT VAPORIZATION.

FORTUNATELY FOR BAGORAH, YOSHIWARA'S TOXIN HAS LEFT THE KING OF THE MONSTERS IN A WEAKENED CONDITION.

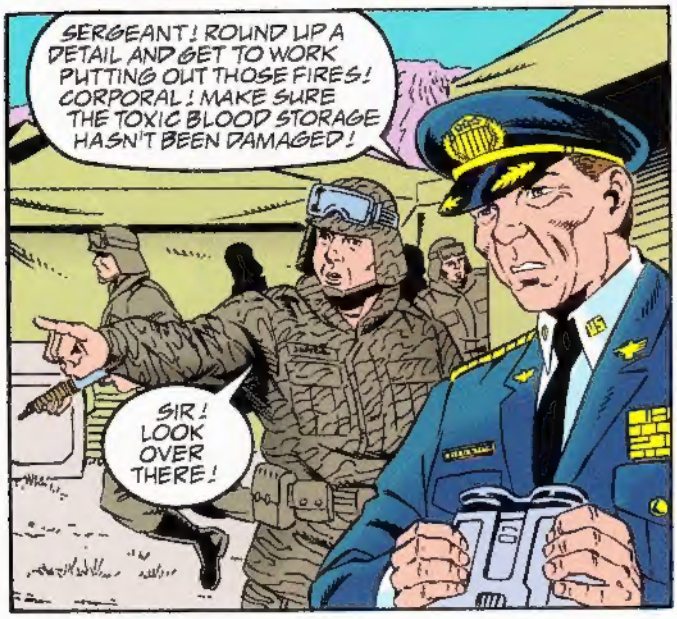
BAGORAH PRESSES THE ADVANTAGE!
SKRRREEEE
SSSSKKKK
FWOOOM!
FWOOOOM!

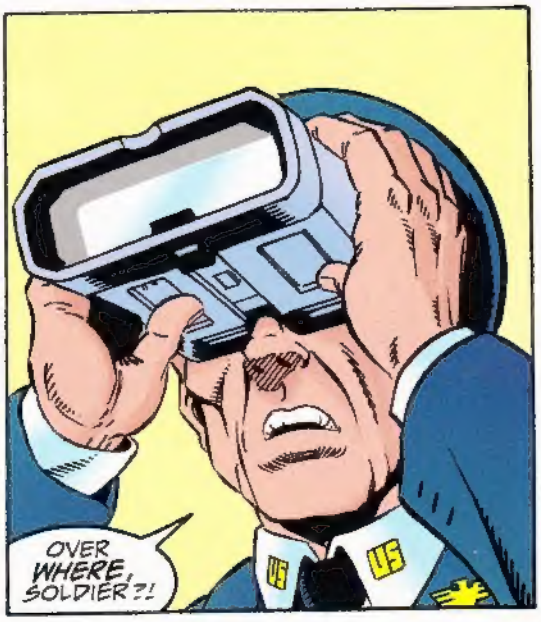

TEAM LEADER TO COLONEL CAMERON. WE HAVE ARRIVED AT SITE AND REQUEST ORDERS, OVER.
"CAMERON TO TEAM LEADER. YOU ARE TO ENGAGE BAGORAH, GET HIS ATTENTION, AND LURE HIM STRAIGHT TO THE PACIFIC. IS THAT UNDERSTOOD? OVER."
UNDERSTOOD, OVER AND OUT.
GODZILLA IS NOT A VENGEFUL CREATURE. IN FACT, HIS EMOTIONAL RANGE IS NEGLIGIBLE AT BEST.
HE IS A CREATURE OF INSTINCT, OF TERRITORIALISM, OF SURVIVAL.
HE DOESN'T UNDERSTAND THE TACT OF RETREAT OR THE COMPASSION OF SURRENDER.
HE DOESN'T REALIZE THE FIGHT IS OVER.

IT'S CLEAR! LET'S GO! BRING MEDICAL SUPPLIES AND SOME METAL WORK EQUIPMENT.
AND PADDED GLOVES.
PADDED GLOVES?

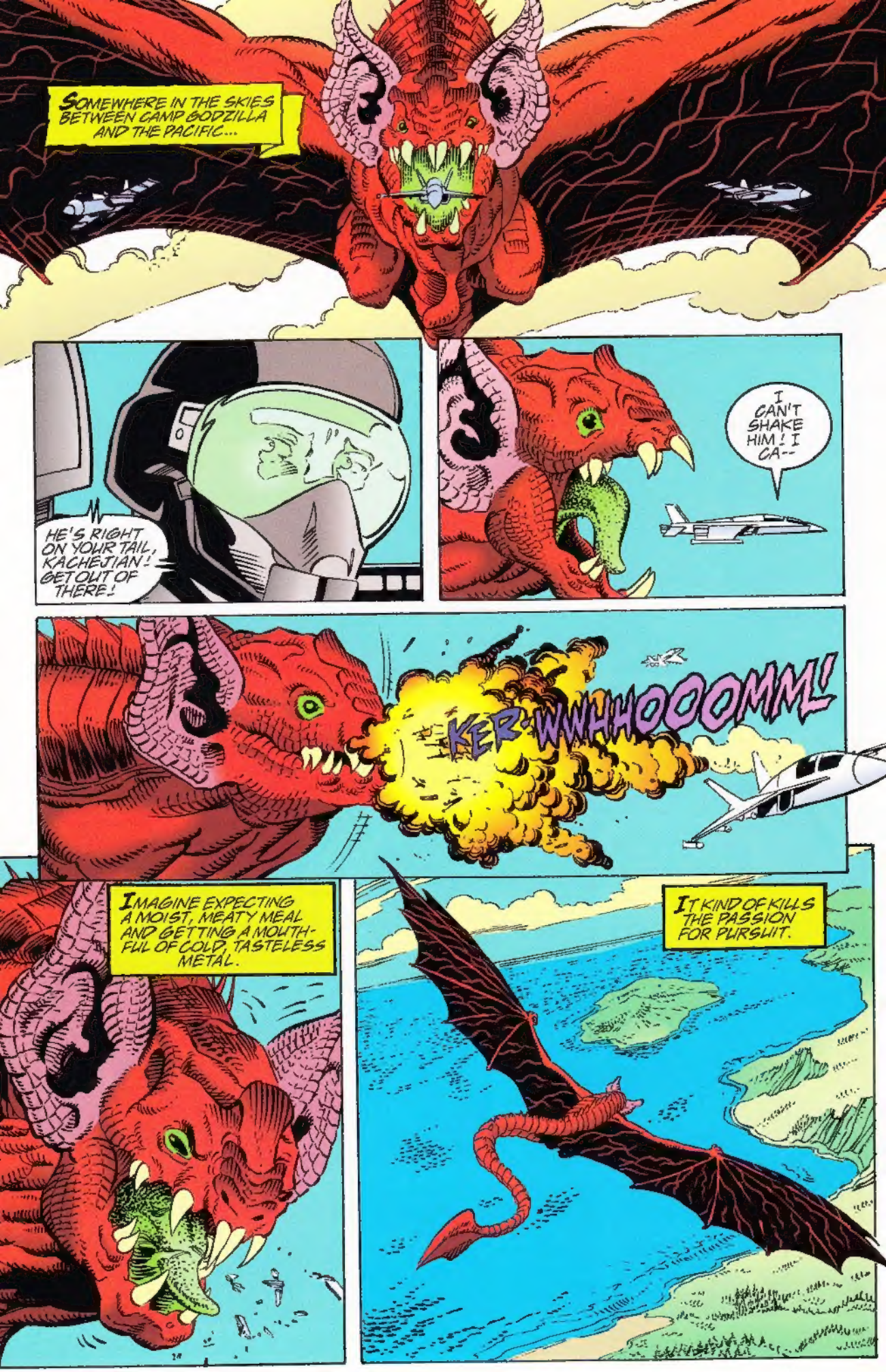

WE'LL HAVE TO CLIMB INTO THE ROBOT, AND THAT METAL LOOKS PRETTY HOT.
DO YOU KNOW HOW TO GET IN, SIR?

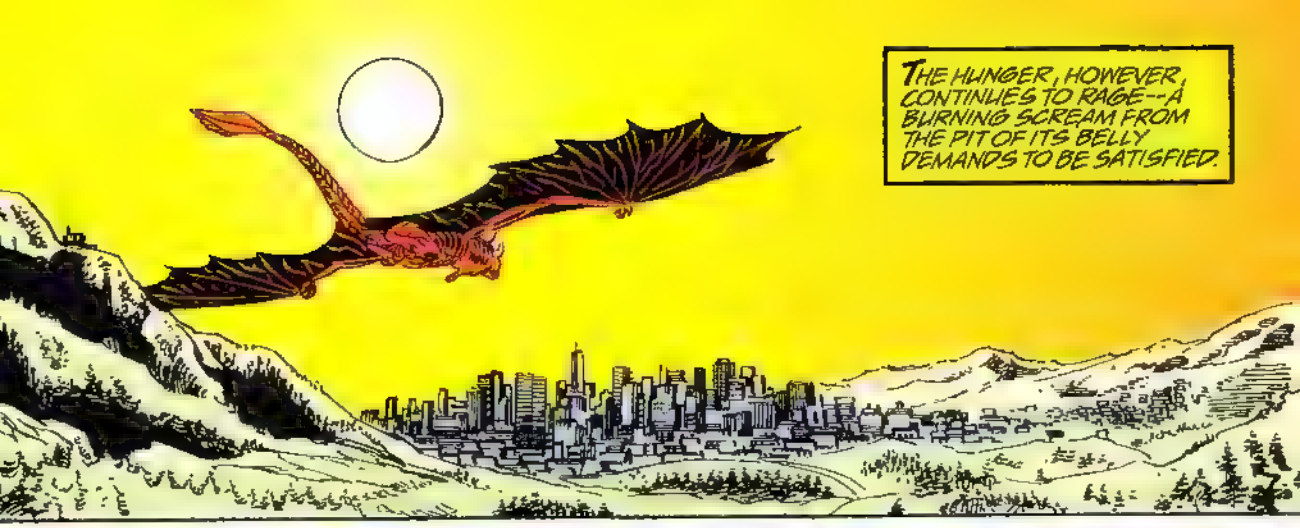
THERE'S A STANDBY HATCH AT THE CENTER OF THE NECK. THEY CALL IT THE TRACHEOTOMY HATCH.
I DON'T THINK THAT'S VERY FUNNY, SIR. MY MOM HAD A TRACHEOTOMY.
MY SINCEREST APOLOGIES, CORPORAL, BUT I'M SURE THE DESIGNERS MEANT NO DISRESPECT TO YOUR MOTHER.

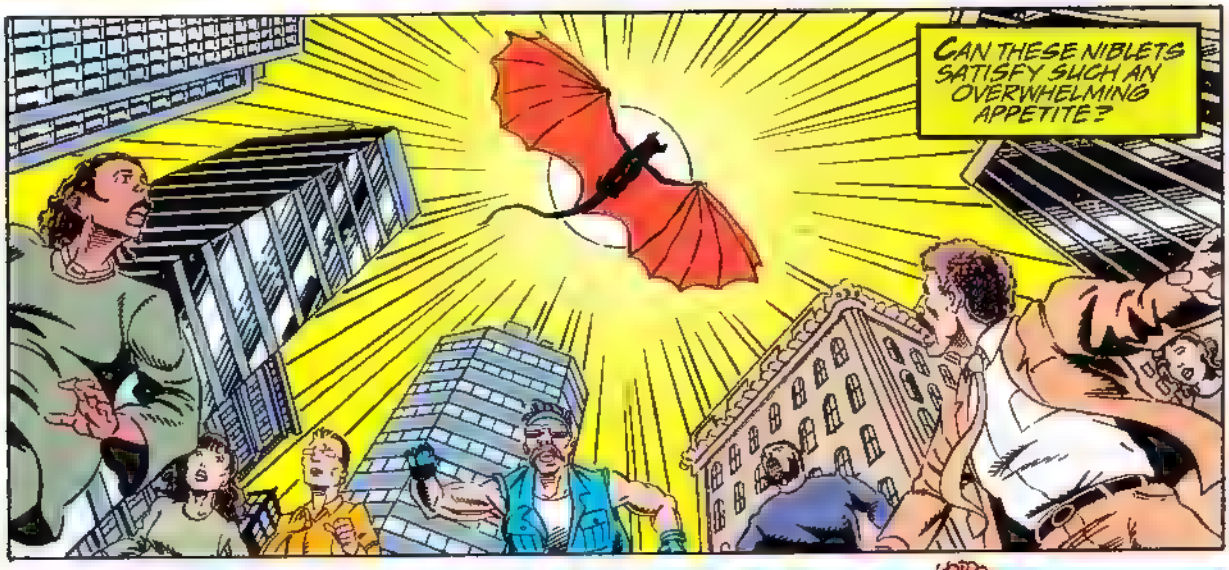

SERGEANT! ROUND UP A DETAIL AND GET TO WORK PUTTING OUT THOSE FIRES! CORPORAL! MAKE SURE THE TOXIC BLOOD STORAGE HASN'T BEEN DAMAGED!
SIR! LOOK OVER THERE!

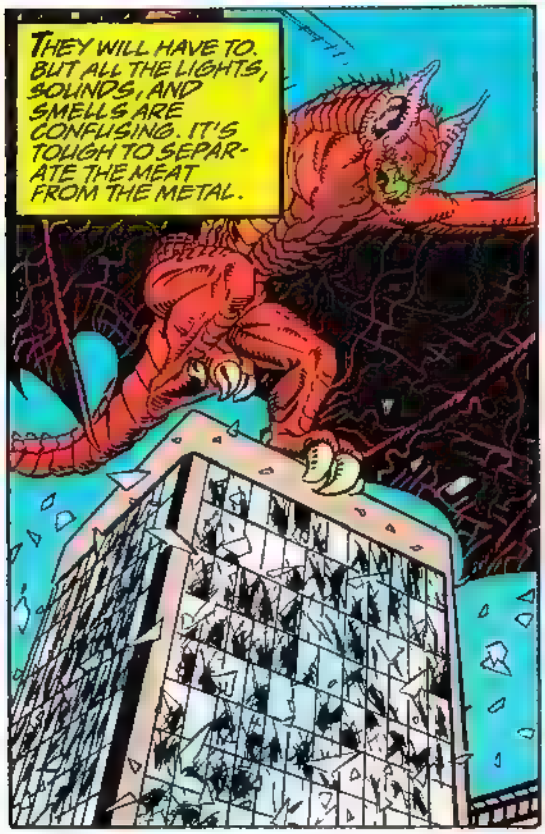

OVER WHERE, SOLDIER?!

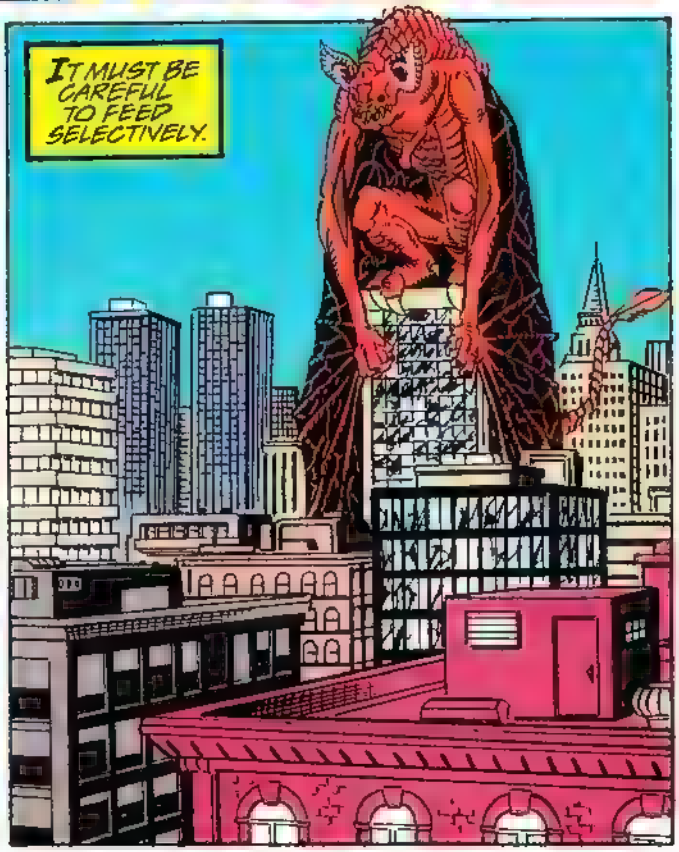
"WHAT THE--?!"
WELL, THAT EXPLAINS EVERYTHING!
SERGEANT! ARREST THAT GROUP! NOW!
YES, SIR!
...IT'S JAMMED, SIR. WE CAN'T MOVE IT!
RIGHT! TORCH IT!
EVERYBODY STAND BACK!
REIKO! IN ALL THIS CHAOS, I'VE COMPLETELY FORGOTTEN ABOUT HER. I HOPE SHE'S ALL RIGHT.

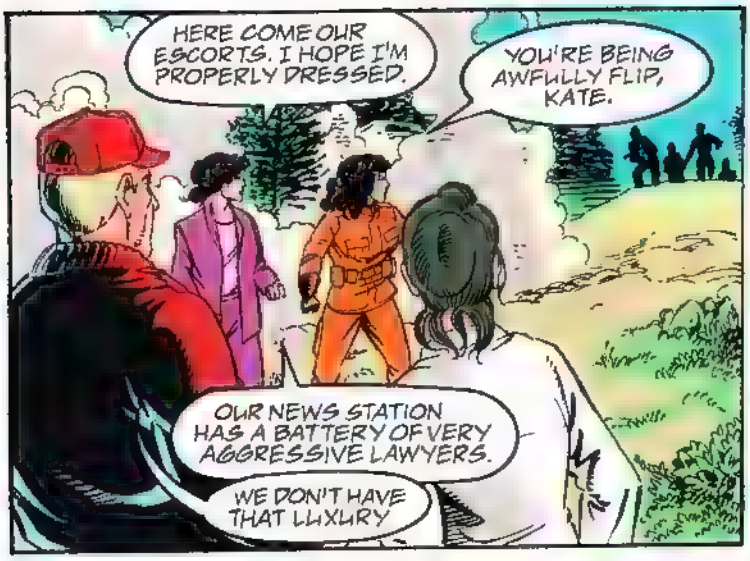

SOMEWHERE IN THE SKIES BETWEEN CAMP GODZILLA AND THE PACIFIC...
HE'S RIGHT ON YOUR TAIL, KACHEJIAN! GET OUT OF THERE!
I CAN'T SHAKE HIM! I CA--
KER-WWHHOOOMM!
IMAGINE EXPECTING A MOIST, MEATY MEAL AND GETTING A MOUTHFUL OF COLD, TASTELESS METAL.
IT KIND OF KILLS THE PASSION FOR PURSUIT.


THE HUNGER, HOWEVER, CONTINUES TO RAGE--A BURNING SCREAM FROM THE PIT OF ITS BELLY DEMANDS TO BE SATISFIED.


CAN THESE NIBLETS SATISFY SUCH AN OVERWHELMING APPETITE?

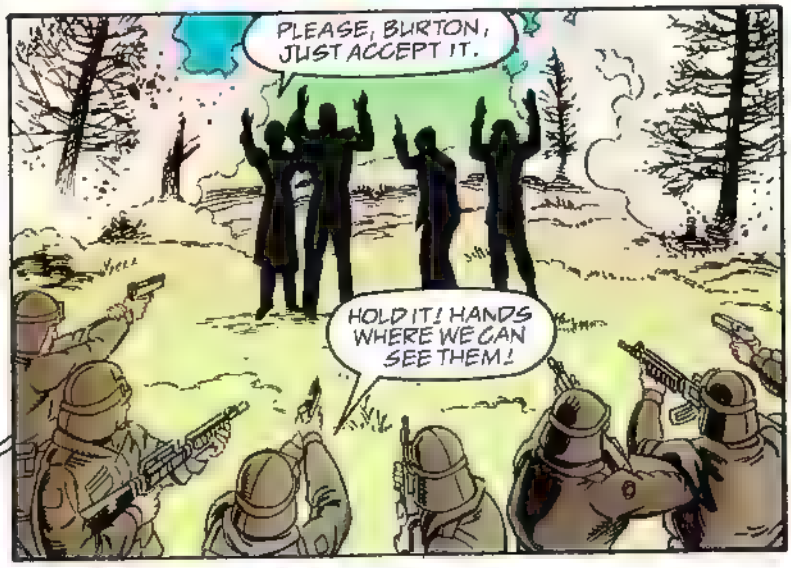

THEY WILL HAVE TO. BUT ALL THE LIGHTS, SOUNDS, AND SMELLS ARE CONFUSING. IT'S TOUGH TO SEPARATE THE MEAT FROM THE METAL.


IT MUST BE CAREFUL TO FEED SELECTIVELY.


HERE COME OUR ESCORTS. I HOPE I'M PROPERLY DRESSED.
YOU'RE BEING AWFULLY FLIP, KATE.
OUR NEWS STATION HAS A BATTERY OF VERY AGGRESSIVE LAWYERS.
WE DON'T HAVE THAT LUXURY

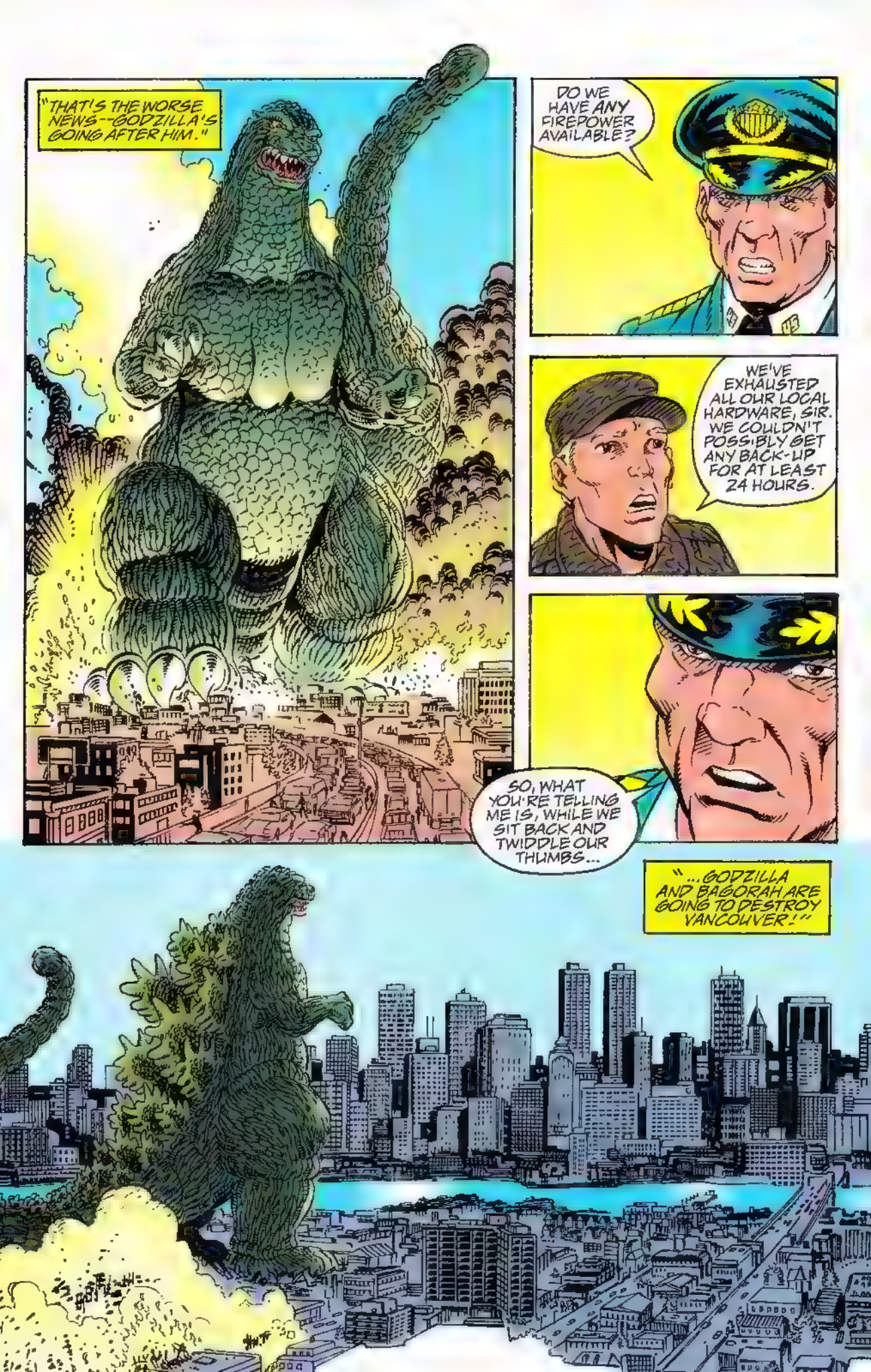
I WON'T LET THEM TAKE YOU INTO CUSTODY, NORIKO WE HAVE TO GO!
NO, I'M NOT GOING TO RUN I'M TOO OLD, TOO TIRED.

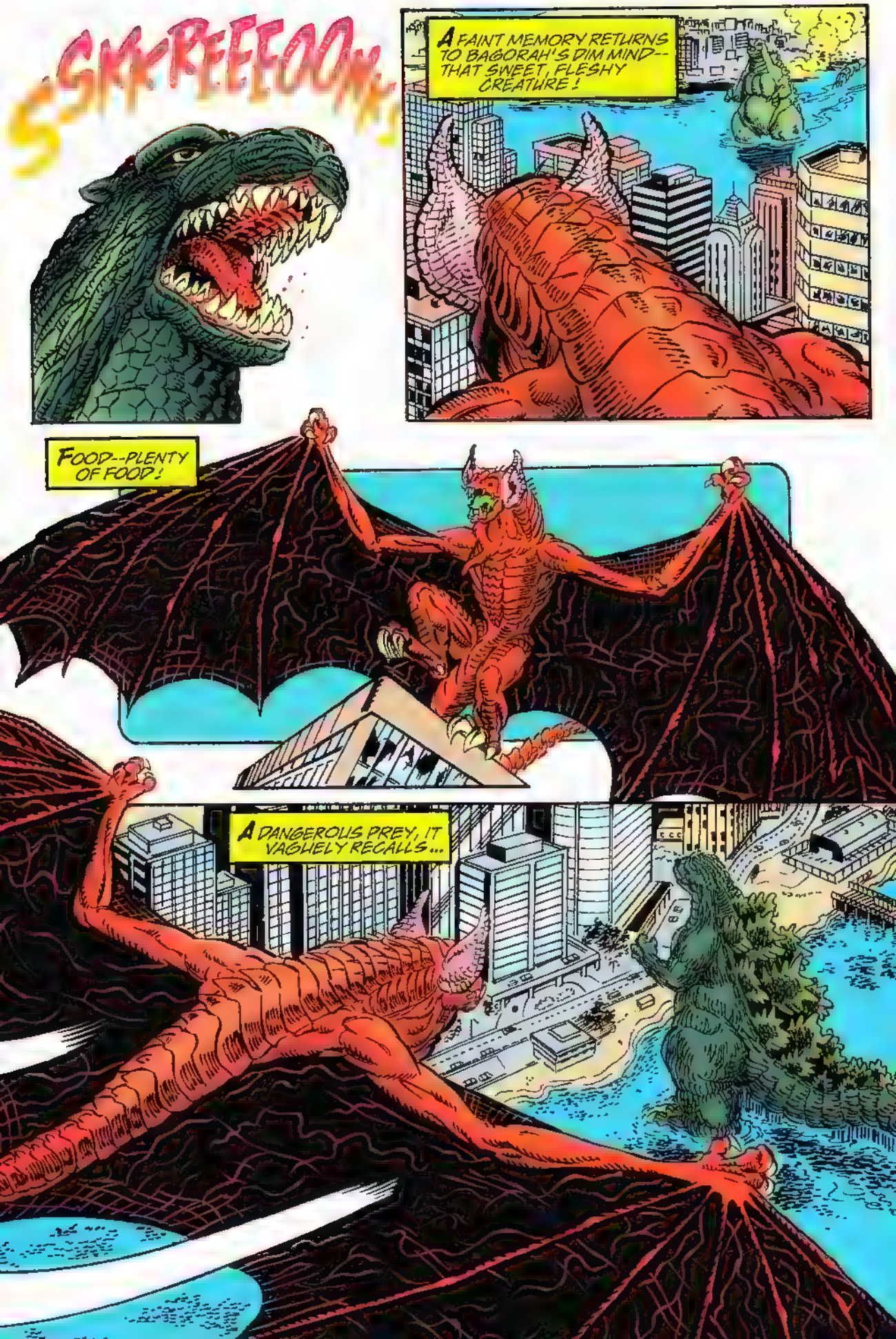
I MUST BE HELD ACCOUNTABLE FOR MY ACTIONS.
BUT--


PLEASE, BURTON, JUST ACCEPT IT.
HOLD IT! HANDS WHERE WE CAN SEE THEM!

WE'VE JUST RECEIVED WORD ON BAGORAH, SIR!
GOOD OR BAD?
BAD AND WORSE--IT'S LANDED IN VANCOUVER.
HAS THE CITY BEEN EVACUATED?
NO, SIR. NOT COMPLETELY.

WHERE'S GODZILLA?


"THAT'S THE WORSE NEWS--GODZILLA'S GOING AFTER HIM."
DO WE HAVE ANY FIREPOWER AVAILABLE?
WE'VE EXHAUSTED ALL OUR LOCAL HARDWARE, SIR. WE COULDN'T POSSIBLY GET ANY BACK-UP FOR AT LEAST 24 HOURS.
SO, WHAT YOU'RE TELLING ME IS, WHILE WE SIT BACK AND TWIDDLE OUR THUMBS...
"...GODZILLA AND BAGORAH ARE GOING TO DESTROY VANCOUVER!"


SKKREEOOW
A FAINT MEMORY RETURNS TO BAGORAH'S DIM MIND--THAT SWEET, FLESHY CREATURE!
FOOD--PLENTY OF FOOD!
A DANGEROUS PREY, IT VAGUELY RECALLS...

DANGEROUS, BUT SAVORY!
KRAKOOM!
FAKKEEBOOMM

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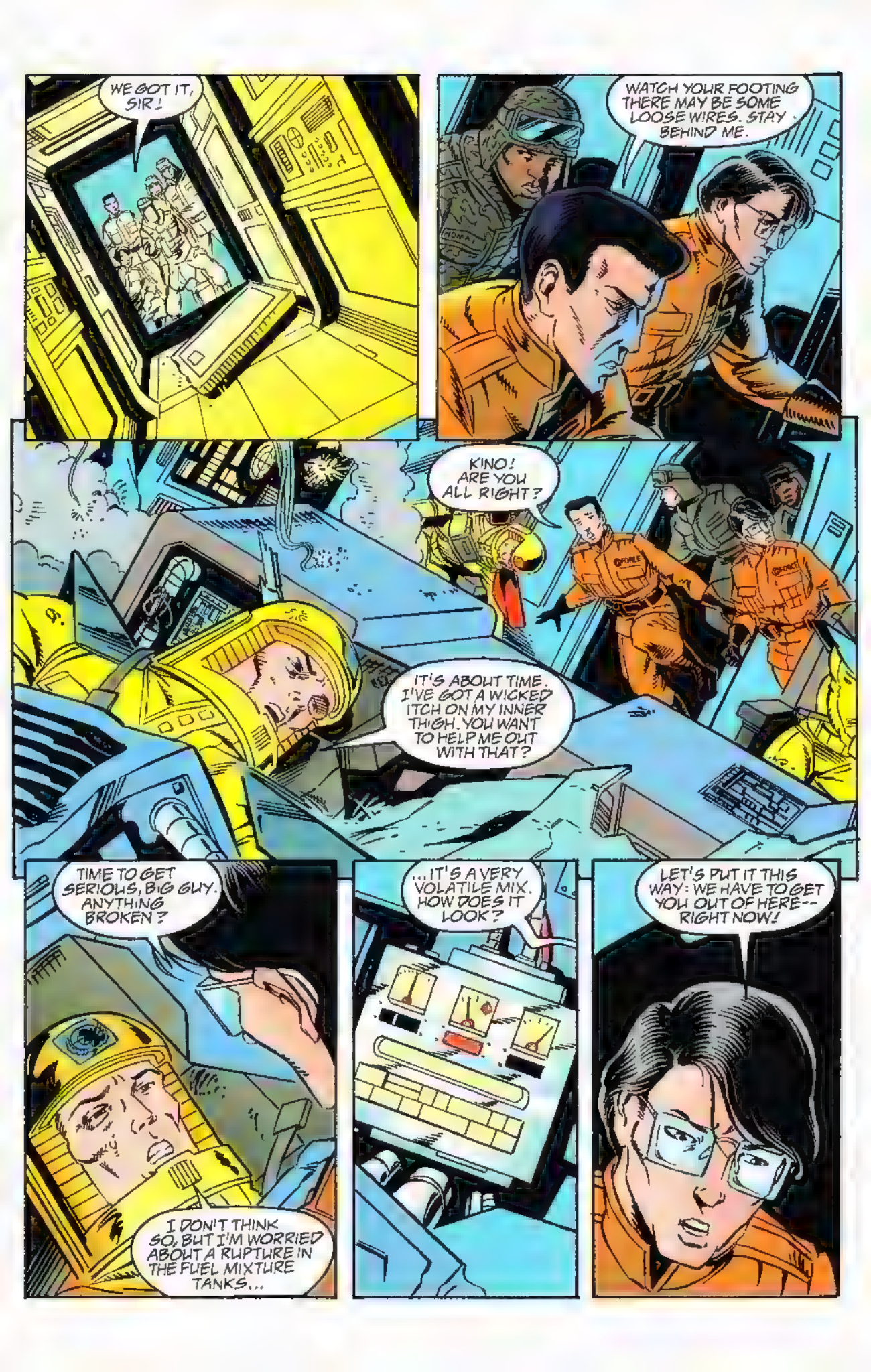
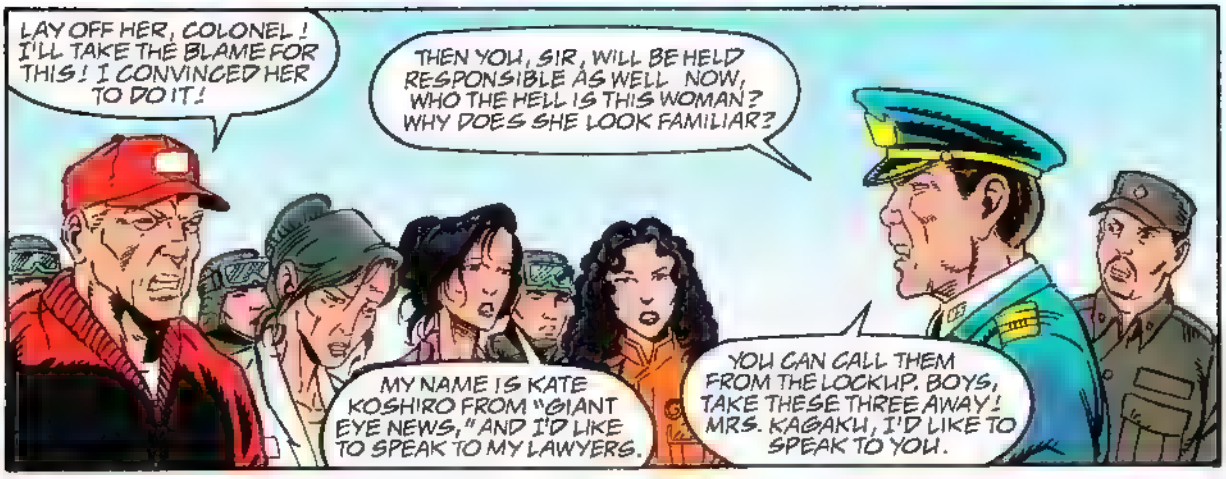

WE GOT IT, SIR!
WATCH YOUR FOOTING THERE MAY BE SOME LOOSE WIRES. STAY BEHIND ME.
KINO! ARE YOU ALL RIGHT?
IT'S ABOUT TIME. I'VE GOT A WICKED ITCH ON MY INNER THIGH. YOU WANT TO HELP ME OUT WITH THAT?
TIME TO GET SERIOUS, BIG GUY. ANYTHING BROKEN?
I DON'T THINK SO, BUT I'M WORRIED ABOUT A RUPTURE IN THE FUEL MIXTURE TANKS...
...IT'S A VERY VOLATILE MIX. HOW DOES IT LOOK?
LET'S PUT IT THIS WAY: WE HAVE TO GET YOU OUT OF HERE--RIGHT NOW!

...FIND ANY VEHICLES THAT CAN STILL MOVE. GAS 'EM UP AND GET 'EM OUT. WE'VE GOT A MAJOR DISASTER ON OUR HANDS AND THAT MEANS MAJOR CASUALTIES!
COLONEL?

WELL, PROFESSOR YOSHIWARA, HOW CAN I IMPRESS UPON YOU THE SCOPE OF THE DEVASTATION CAUSED BY YOUR SELFISH AND IRRESPONSIBLE ACT?
YOU DON'T HAVE TO.

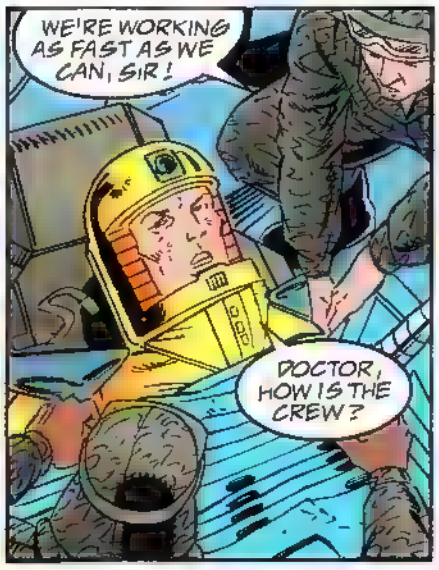
NO, I BELIEVE I DO

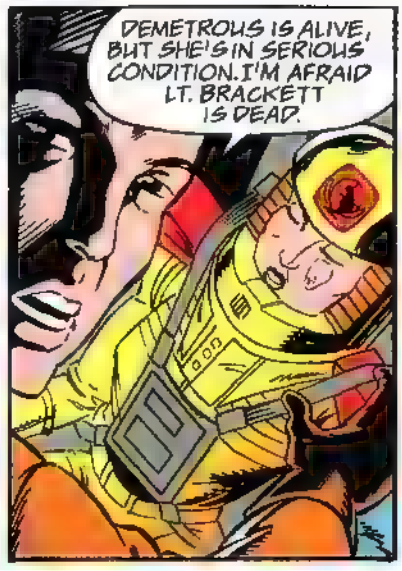

LAY OFF HER, COLONEL! I'LL TAKE THE BLAME FOR THIS! I CONVINCED HER TO DO IT!
THEN YOU, SIR, WILL BE HELD RESPONSIBLE AS WELL NOW, WHO THE HELL IS THIS WOMAN? WHY DOES SHE LOOK FAMILIAR?
MY NAME IS KATE KOSHIRO FROM "GIANT EYE NEWS," AND I'D LIKE TO SPEAK TO MY LAWYERS.
YOU CAN CALL THEM FROM THE LOCKUP. BOYS, TAKE THESE THREE AWAY! MRS. KAGAKU, I'D LIKE TO SPEAK TO YOU.

I'LL VOUCH FOR YOU, KATE... WITH CAMERON AND WITH TAKÉ.
THANK YOU, REIKO. THANK YOU.

THE GLOWING SPINE DISTRACTS BAGORAH MOMENTARILY, GIVING GODZILLA AN OPPORTUNITY TO REPOSITION HIMSELF.
BUT THIS PROVES TO BE AN EXERCISE IN FUTILITY SINCE THE BIG, GREEN GUY HAS YET TO FULLY HEAL.
DEPRIVED OF HIS MOST POTENT WEAPON...
...GODZILLA IMPROVISES!

AS FAR AS THE FUEL MIXTURE IS CONCERNED, THERE'S NOTHING I CAN DO HERE. HOW'S IT GOING OVER THERE?


WE'RE WORKING AS FAST AS WE CAN, SIR!
DOCTOR, HOW IS THE CREW?

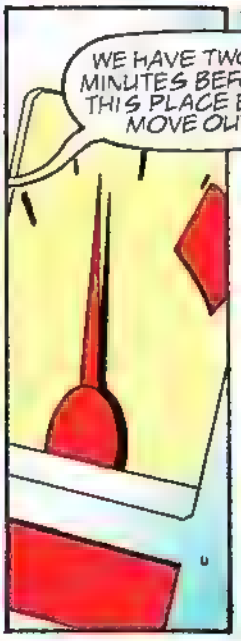

DEMETROUS IS ALIVE, BUT SHE'S IN SERIOUS CONDITION. I'M AFRAID LT. BRACKETT IS DEAD.

I'M AFRAID IN FIVE MINUTES, WE'LL BE JOINING HIM.
OVERLOAD

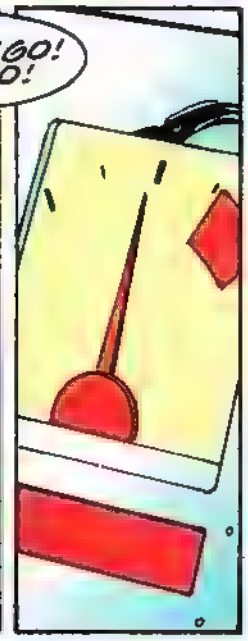
WE JUST DON'T HAVE TIME FOR PROPER TECHNIQUES. CORPORAL, WOULD YOU TAKE LT. BRACKETT'S BODY?

YOU.. UH.. WANT ME TO CARRY A CORPSE? IS THAT NECESSARY?
THAT "CORPSE" DIED IN SERVICE OF HIS COUNTRY, SOLDIER, AND HE DESERVES A PROPER BURIAL NOW GET ME OUT OF HERE!

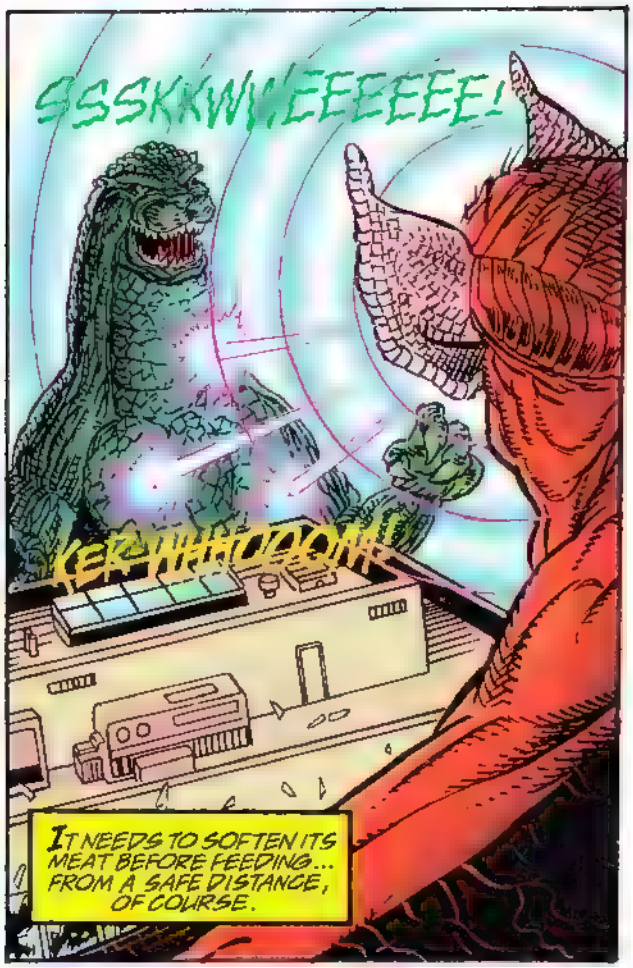
Yeeeuurrgh!
Urrrrff!
Uhhhhm! THANK YOU!

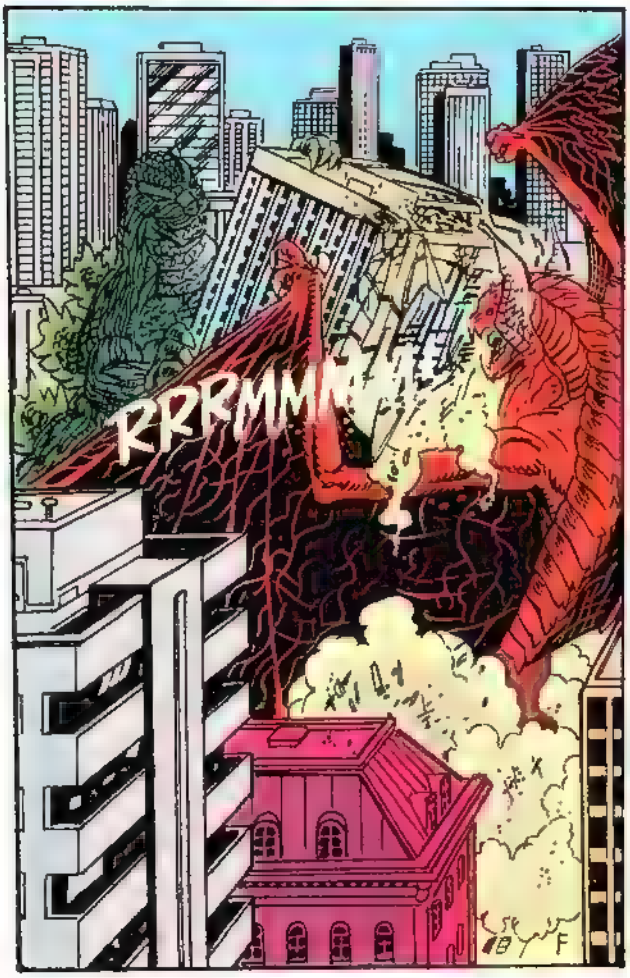

WE HAVE TWO MINUTES BEFORE THIS PLACE BLOWS! MOVE OUT!

GO! GO! GO! GO! GO!



THAT HORRID METAL TASTE AGAIN! THE DISAPPOINTING FLAVOR ONLY SERVES TO EXACERBATE THE HUNGRY BAGORAH.


SSSKKWEEEEEE!
KERWHOOOM!
IT NEEDS TO SOFTEN ITS MEAT BEFORE FEEDING... FROM A SAFE DISTANCE, OF COURSE.


RRRMMM

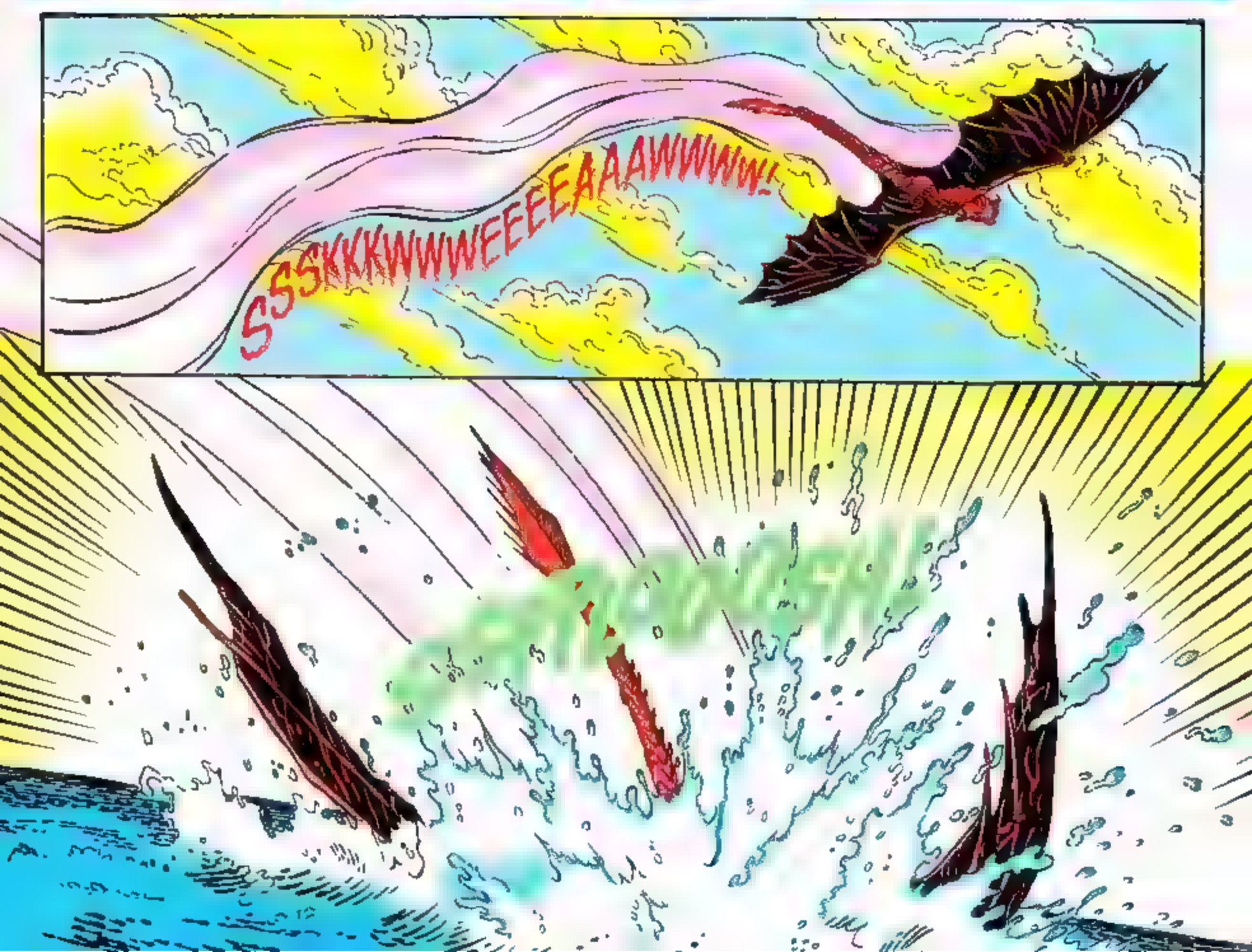
SSSKKWEEEEEEE!!

DO YOU HAVE HIM?
YES, SIR. YOU CAN LET GO!
I'M ALL RIGHT, TAKÉ. GIVE THEM A HAND.
DANGER
TAKÉ, HOW MUCH TIME DO WE HAVE?
NO--
BWOOOOMM!
ALL THAT TIME, ALL THAT WORK ...GONE!
ALMOST LEAVES THE WORLD DEFENSE-LESS.
DON'T WORRY, TAKÉ. EVEN AS WE SPEAK, THEY'VE GOT ANOTHER ROBOT UNDER CONSTRUCTION.

THE BATTLE AND THE HUNGER REACH FEVER PITCH
THIS TIME, THE INCANDESCENT DORSAL PLATES NEITHER DISTRACT NOR DETER BAGORAH
A MISTAKE.
A BIG, FLAMING MISTAKE!
SSPPPRRAACCKT!
HRRRRRRRRR!

RRRAAGGKKOOOM!

HRRRRR


SSSKKKWWWEEEEAAAWWWW!

SSSKKRRREEEOONNKKK!
THE FATE OF THOUSANDS OF LIVES, OF HOMES AND BUSINESSES, RESTS SQUARELY ON A SIMPLE DECISION FROM AN EVEN SIMPLER MIND: LAND OR SEA?
VANCOUVER BREATHES A COLLECTIVE SIGH OF RELIEF.

EVERY AGE NEEDS A KING!

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